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LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been implementing various schemes and programmes under Special Component Plan (SCP) & TSP since 1978 for achieving overall development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes majority of whom live below poverty line;

(b) if so, the schemes/programmes formulated/being implemented by his Ministry under SCP &TSP for training and empowering educated unemployed youth from SC/STcommunity in the field of agriculture as stipulated in letter No.280-PMO/80 dated12.3.1980 from the Prime Minister`s Office addressed to Agriculture Ministry amongstother Ministries/Organizations while commencing SCP/TSP;

(c) amount of funds requisitioned, procured and utilized by his Ministry during VIth,VIIth, VIIIth and Ninth Five Year Plans for such schemes/programmes; and

(d) the details of the Scheme being implemented for eradication of poverty and empowerment of SCs and STs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is primarilyresponsible for increasing production and productivity of agricultural output through implementation of various agriculture development schemes. The schemes are production oriented and area specific in nature which therefore benefit farmers of all categories including farmers of SC/ST communities.In view of the above, there is little scope for formulating schemes/programmes particularly focused on specific communities. However, wherever possible, the State Governments/ImplementingAgencies are advised in the Administrative Approvals of Schemes to provide allocation/funds for Special Component Plan (SCP) for SCs and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for STs.